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SUBJECT: HARSH WORDS FOR BENIN

1. TOGO'S MEDIA HAVE RESPONDED SCORNFULLY TO RADIO COTONOU'S ACCUSATIONS OF TOGOLESE INVOLVEMENT IN THE JANUARY 16 AFFAIR. A STANDARD COMMENTARY, WHICH HAS BEEN REPEATED SEVERAL TIMES SINCE THE EVENING OF MARCH 14, NOTES THAT WHILE TOGO HAS NO TIME FOR "FACILE DEMAGOGUERY AND REVOLUTIONARY VERBAGE" A POLICY OF PATIENCE HAS ITS LIMITS. IT DENIES SPECIFICS OF RADIO COTONOU'S ACCUSATIONS--THAT EYADEMA VISITED GABON JANUARY 2 TO PLOT THE AFFAIR AND THAT TOGO HARBORED A FOREIGN FORCE THAT WAS TO ATTACK BENIN. TOGO INVITES THE VARIOUS COMMISSIONS THAT HAVE INVESTIGATED THE MERCENARY ATTACK TO VERIFY TOGO'S VERSION AND ASSERT THAT THESE "GRATUITOUS ACCUSATIONS AND LIES" HAVE BEEN FABRICATED TO JUSTIFY THE ARBITRARY CLOSING OF THE BORDER, AN ACT WHICH PLAYS IMPERIALISM'S GAME BY WEAKENING ECOWAS.

2. COMMENT: PRESUMABLY BOTH SIDES WILL KEEP UP THIS WAR OF

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